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1. INFO PARAS 1 AND 2, REFTEL C, WILL BE PASSED TO SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY AND FOREGIN MINISTRY.

2. WE HAVE SOME RESERVATION ABOUT RESPONDING TO PARA 3,
REFTEL C, IN THAT JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AR NOT
FREE TO TESTIFY BEFORE U.S. CONGRESS WITHOUT DIET APPROVAL.
THEREFORE, IF WE PROVIDE NAMES OF PROSPECTIVE WITNESSES
OR PANEL MEMBERS BASED ON OUR OWN KNOWLEDGE OF JAPANESE
EXPERTISE IN SPACE TECHNOLOGY, BUT WITHOUT APPROVAL OF GOJ,
WE CANNOT PROVIDE ASSURANCE THAT SUCH EXPERTS, WILL
ACTUALLY BE PERMITTED TO TESTIFY. JAPAN'S RETICENCE TO
PERMIT TESTIMONY BEFORE OR BRIEFINGS TO CONGRESSIONAL
COMMITTEES IS LONG-STANDING AND BASED ON POLITICAL PROBLEMS
THAT AROSE SEVERAL YEARS AGO FROM SUCH A CONGRESSIONAL
APPEARANCE. JAPAN DESK IS AWARE OF THESE PROBLEMS.

3. WITH CAVEAT PRESENTED ABOVE, WE BELIEVE THAT
FOLLOWING NASDA TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL WOULD
BE BEST QUALIFIED TO BE PRESENT:

DR. YASUHIRO KURODA, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE
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PRESIDENT

MR. KENJIRO SASE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT

SASE IS BETTER THAN KURODA IN ENGLISH-SPEAKING ABILITY,
BUT NEITHER ISFLUENT. KURODA HAS GREATER STATURE IN

JAPANESE SPACE PROGRAM.

4. SCIENTIFIC SPACE ACTIVITIES ARE RESPONSIBILITY
OF UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO'S INSTITUTE OF SPACE AND
AERONAUTICAL SCIENCES (ISAS). PROFS. TATSUZO OHBAYASHI
AND TAMIYA NOMURA ARE SENIOR OFFICIALS AND SPEAK
REASONABLY GOOD ENGLISH. SINCE U. OF TOKYO IS NATIONAL
UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSORS ARE CONSIDERD GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEES, SAME CAVEAT APPLIES.
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